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For: SIMULATION OF MECHANICAL REELS ON  
A GAMING MACHINE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered, and the reference listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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